
 * **SHOULD YOUNG GIRLS GO TO FIVE CENT SHOWS?** *
 * **Cynthia Grey Answers This and Other Questions.** *

"Isn't it right for young girls to go to five-cent shows?"

This question is being asked in and out of print nearly every day by someone.

It is time the public, parents especially, took the question up and answered it for themselves and their children.

The motion picture has come to stay. The moving picture show house is one of the most popular headquarters of amusement for the people in a city. Scores of children attend.

It is up to the public to see that the motion pictures being shown in a city or town are the kind that will be right for your girls to see.

In an article on motion pictures in the January Munsey, this form of entertainment and instruction is advocated as the coming method by which to teach the public school boy and girl geography, history, the story of manufacturing and producing, etc.

The people must enforce conditions in and around the moving picture shows which will insure benefit, not harm to the young.

To the little girl who asks the question today, may I say that the right kind of a motion picture show, conducted properly, should be entertainment and instruction to her. But of course she will observe the old rule of asking a parent's consent before going; and of going with some older person than she, if the show be at night.

Is it right for a young girl to give a valentine? (2) Does it mean that you are looking for a sweetheart when you wear red ties? (3) Is it right for two young girls to go to shows on Sunday? (4) Is it right for girls to kiss their fellows when they bring them home at night?—Blondy and E. L.

A. (1) As long as they are not offensive nor expensive, I think there can be no harm.

(2) If so I have never heard of it. No doubt persons who wear red neckties wear them because they are fond of red, or because they think red suits them.

(3) That is a matter for your parents to decide. Personally, I should say "No." There are six days in the week for you to take that sort of pleasure. Sunday is a home day when the family has an opportunity to meet and renew its friendships. It's the day when the thoughtful, humane person tries to spare his fellow man all the unnecessary work he can.

(4) Not unless they are engaged. I judge from your letter that you are not old enough to be thinking of engagement. Remember that a man or boy cares little for that which he may have for the mere asking, and still less for the girl whom he believes will allow and and all her boy friends to kiss her.

If you want, someday, to have